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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 18, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please replace/amend claims 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 27 are as follows):

13. (Twice Amended) A system for screening solutions containing an analyte and for detecting the presence of the analyte, comprising:

means for obtaining a solution containing the analyte;

tube means for receiving the solution containing the analyte, the tube means having an end portion with a microcapillary sized opening formed therein for dispensing the solution containing the analyte by capillary action;

sorbent material means having a detector reagent pre-deposited in the sorbent material for detecting the presence of the analyte, the sorbent material means receiving the solution containing the analyte from the tube means as the end portion of the tube